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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 34 are in the case.

New claims 33 and 34 were added by an amendment dated November 2, 2005.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, election is required as between Group I containing claims 1 to 25, drawn to a method and Group II containing claims 26 to 32, drawn to pulp, paper sheet and lignocellulosic material products.

Since new claim 34 depends from claim 1, presumably it should be grouped with the Group I claims.

Since new claim 33 depends from claim 31, presumably it should be grouped with the Group II claims.

Applicant elects for examination purposes the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1 to 25 as originally filed, and it is believed that new claim 34 should be further included with this group of claims.

The foregoing is fully responsive to the first election/restriction requirement.

Species Election t

In response to the species election at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant elects for examination the species where t is 0.

Claim 1 and claims 6 to 25 and 34 are readable on this species.

It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to the species selection for t.

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Species Election Y_1 and Y_2

In response to the requirement at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action, Applicant elects the species in which Y_1 and Y_2 are both present.

Claim 1 and claims 6 to 25 and 34 read onto this species.

The foregoing is fully responsive to the requirement.

Species Election – Substituents

In response to the species election at the bottom of page 4 of the Office Action, Applicant elects the substituent hydroxy.

The selected substituent, i.e. hydroxy, is for claims 1, 2, 6 and 31.

Species Election – X

In response to the requirement for species selection at the middle of page 5 of the Office Action, Applicant selects sulfate in the value for X.

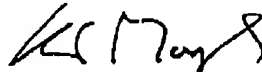
The foregoing is fully responsive to the different election requirements and, in each case, Applicant has elected a single species within the options provided.

Favourable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully,

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